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Provenience: Kenya Culture Prov. Lorugumu**People or Culture:** Turkana**Object:** Lip plug (Ekeli)**Material:** Ivory, wood**Description:** Round, polished ivory lip plug (A) with a hole to hold a whittled wooden peg (B) which flares at the outer end to hold the plug in place. Lower two center teeth were extracted so that the plug will fit. Made and worn by men. Formerly a proof of courage for killing the elephant. Becoming rare.**Dimensions:** (in cm.) A-Diam. 4.1 cm. Length peg(B) 3.1 cm Diam. 2. cm**Collection:** Field Museum of Natural History Purchase 1974
Collected by Mrs. Ann Prewitt 1973

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